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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR STRENGTHENING A GEAR WHEEL, AND A GEAR WHEEL ✓

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☒ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☒ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

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11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:

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For: METHOD FOR STRENGTHENING)	
A GEAR WHEEL, AND A GEAR)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the existing Abstract and substitute the Abstract attached hereto as a separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 2-5 with the corresponding amended claims.

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the strengthening rings are shrink-fitted around the gear wheel in such manner that the strengthening rings will be firmly shrunk onto the gear wheel with a material-technical tensile/compressive strength within 80% of the 0.2% elastic elongation range of the material.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein during the sizing process the toothed rim of the driving gear is envisaged stretched out to a correspondingly larger circle, shrink fits being selected for this circle in accordance with the ISO tables of limits and fits, and that similar considerations are made for each strengthening ring.

4. (Amended) A gear wheel having surrounding strengthening rings connected to the gear wheel teeth, wherein each tooth is fixed like a theoretical beam between two extreme points in that two strengthening rings, shaped on their insides in conformity with the gear wheel teeth, are fitted around the gear wheel.

5. (Amended) A gear wheel according to claim 4, wherein the strengthening rings are shrink-fitted in such manner that the strengthening rings will be firmly shrunk onto the gear wheel with a material-technical tensile/compressive strength within 80% of the 0.2% elastic elongation range of the material.

Please add new claim 6 as follows:

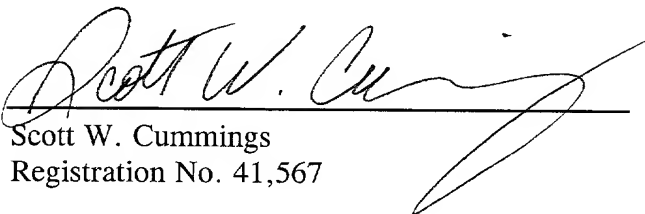
6. (New) A method for strengthening a gear wheel, wherein strengthening rings are placed around the gear wheel and connected to the gear wheel teeth, and wherein each tooth is fixed like a theoretical beam between two extreme points and two strengthening wheels each shaped on its inside in conformity with the gear wheel teeth, are shrink-fitted around the gear wheel.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing prior to an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.
The above amendments have been made to place the application in better form for examination.
An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the strengthening rings [(3, 4)] are [secured] shrink-fitted around the gear wheel [(1)] in such manner that the strengthening rings [(3, 4)] will be firmly shrunk onto the gear wheel [(1)] with a material-technical tensile/compressive strength within 80 % of the 0.2 % elastic elongation range of the material [(steel)].

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein during the sizing process the toothed rim of the driving gear [(1)] is envisaged stretched out to a correspondingly larger circle, shrink fits being selected for this circle in accordance with the ISO tables of limits and fits, and that similar considerations are made for each strengthening ring [(3, 4)].

4. (Amended) A gear wheel having surrounding strengthening rings connected to the gear wheel teeth, wherein [(1), characterised in that] each tooth [(2)] is fixed like a theoretical beam between two extreme points in that two strengthening rings [(3, 4)], shaped on their insides in conformity with the gear wheel teeth [(2)], are fitted around the gear wheel.

5. (Amended) A gear wheel according to claim 4, [characterised in that] wherein the strengthening rings [(3, 4)] are shrink-fitted in such manner that the

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strengthening rings [(3, 4)] will be firmly shrunk onto the gear wheel [(1)] with a material-technical tensile/compressive strength within 80% of the 0.2% elastic elongation range of the material [(steel)].

METHOD FOR STRENGTHENING A GEAR WHEEL, AND A GEAR WHEEL

The invention relates to a method for strengthening a gear wheel.

5 The invention also relates to a gear wheel thus strengthened.

Gear wheels in cranes and lifting devices are highly stressed components. Experience has shown that, for example, driving gear wheels in jack-up systems for jack-up offshore platforms, driving gear wheels interacting with vertical toothed racks, have a
10 surprisingly short useful life. Their useful life is notably shorter than that of the interacting toothed racks, which is due to the fact that the gear wheel teeth are quite naturally exposed to a greater number of alternating loads than the teeth of the rack.

Studies have shown that the teeth of driving gear wheels in large structures are exposed
15 to motions that ultimately cause fracture in the root of the tooth.

It is an object of the invention to provide a method and an apparatus for strengthening gear wheels, particularly, but not exclusively, large driving gear wheels that are used in cranes and lifting devices.

20 Based on the acknowledgement of the fact that the teeth are subject to breakage as a consequence of the alternating motions in the tooth itself, most notably in the roots of the teeth, it is proposed according to the invention to fix each individual tooth in the gear wheel in the direction of circumference in order thereby to counteract the said tooth
25 motions during operations, i.e., that each individual tooth will be like a theoretical beam fixed at both ends.

According to the invention, a method is therefore proposed for strengthening a gear wheel, characterised in that each tooth is fixed like a theoretical beam between two
30 extreme points, in that two strengthening rings, each shaped on its inside in conformity with the gear wheel teeth, are placed around the gear wheel.

It is especially advantageous if the rings are secured around the gear wheel in such manner that the rings will be firmly shrunk onto the gear wheel with a material-
35 technical tensile/compressive strength within 80% of the 0.2% elastic elongation range of the material (steel).

According to the invention, a gear wheel is also proposed that is characterised in that each tooth is fixed like a theoretical beam between two extreme points, in that around each gear wheel there are fixed two strengthening rings, each shaped on its inside in conformity with the gear wheel teeth.

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It is especially advantageous if the strengthening rings are shrunk on in such manner that the rings will remain firmly shrunk onto the gear wheel with a material-technical tensile/compressive strength within 80% of the 0.2% elastic elongation range of the material (steel).

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Each individual strengthening ring is designed in principle like an internal ring gear having teeth intended for engagement in the tooth pockets of the gear wheel, with clearance towards the base of the teeth of the gear wheel or clearance towards the base of the teeth of both gear wheel and ring.

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The invention can be carried out in a particularly advantageous way by envisaging the toothed rim of the driving gear stretched out to a correspondingly larger circle, shrink fits being chosen for this circle in accordance with the ISO tables of limits and fits, and by making similar considerations for the ring.

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The invention will now be described in more detail with reference to the drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 shows a gear wheel viewed looking towards the teeth;

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Fig. 2 is a side view of a gear wheel;

Fig. 3 is a section taken from Fig. 1;

30 Fig. 4 is a section taken from Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a section of a gear wheel and ring in the area where they are secured together; and

35 Fig. 6 is another section of a gear wheel and ring in an area where they are secured together.

The gear wheel 1 shown in Figs. 1 and 2 has a plurality of teeth 2 around its circumference. At each end side of the gear wheel 1 there is shrink-fitted a strengthening ring 3 and 4 respectively. Each ring 3, 4 is made in the form of an internal gear wheel with teeth 5. The teeth are shaped to fit with the teeth 2 on the gear wheel 1, see in particular Fig. 4.

As can be seen from Fig. 1 and from the section in Fig. 3, each tooth 2 on the gear wheel 1 will be fixed like a beam between the two strengthening rings 3 and 4, and the rings 3, 4 will counteract motions of each individual tooth 2 in the direction of circumference when the teeth are subjected to forces in interaction with another set of teeth on a gear wheel or a toothed rack (not shown).

As shown in Fig. 4, a clearance 6, 7 is provided between the tooth crest and the tooth base on/in the gear wheel and ring. This ensures a best possible flank contact between the teeth 2 and 5 as well as a reduction in the stress of radial forces, see also Figs. 5 and 6. In Fig. 6 there is a clearance 8 only between ring-tooth crest and ring-tooth base.

In order to achieve the best possible effect, each individual strengthening ring 3, 4 is fitted on/around the gear wheel 1 by producing/utilising a tensile force within 80% of the permanent elongation limit of the material (steel). This is achieved by suitable sizing of each individual ring prior to fitting.

It is particularly expedient if, in this connection, it is possible to envisage the toothed rim stretched out to its correspondingly larger circle, shrink fits for this circle being selected in accordance with the ISO tables of limits and fits. Similar considerations are made for the strengthening rings.

The invention permits a reduction in the danger of fatigue fractures without the need to increase the size, and consequently the material consumption.

AMENDED CLAIMS

1.

A method for strengthening a gear wheel (1), wherein strengthening rings (3,4) are placed around the gear wheel and connected to the gear wheel teeth (2), **characterised in** that each tooth (2) is fixed like a theoretical beam between two extreme points in that two strengthening wheels (3, 4), each shaped on its inside in conformity with the gear wheel teeth (2), are shrink-fitted around the gear wheel.

10 2.

A method according to claim 1, **characterised in** that the strengthening rings (3, 4) are shrink-fitted around the gear wheel (1) in such manner that the strengthening rings (3, 4) will be firmly shrunk onto the gear wheel (1) with a material-technical tensile/-compressive strength within 80% of the 0.2% elastic elongation range of the material (steel).

3.

A method according to claim 2, **characterised in** that during the sizing process the toothed rim of the driving gear (1) is envisaged stretched out to a correspondingly larger circle, shrink fits being selected for this circle in accordance with the ISO tables of limits and fits, and that similar considerations are made for each strengthening ring (3, 4).

4.

A gear wheel (1) having surrounding strengthening rings (3,4) connected to the gear wheel teeth (2), **characterised in** that each tooth (2) is fixed like a theoretical beam between two extreme points in that two strengthening rings (3, 4), shaped on their insides in conformity with the gear wheel teeth (2), are shrink-fitted around the gear wheel.

5.

A gear wheel according to claim 4, **characterised in** that the strengthening rings (3, 4) are shrink-fitted in such manner that the strengthening rings (3, 4) will be firmly shrunk onto the gear wheel (1) with a material-technical tensile/compressive strength within 80% of the 0.2% elastic elongation range of the material (steel).

Fig.1.

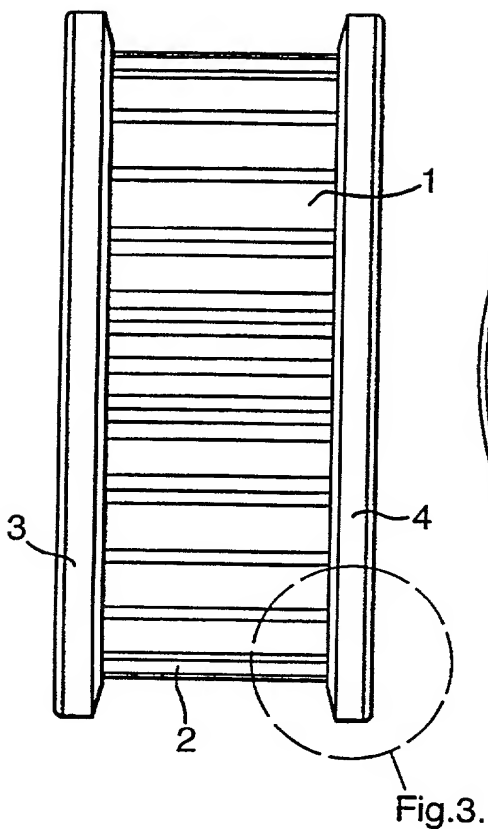


Fig.2.

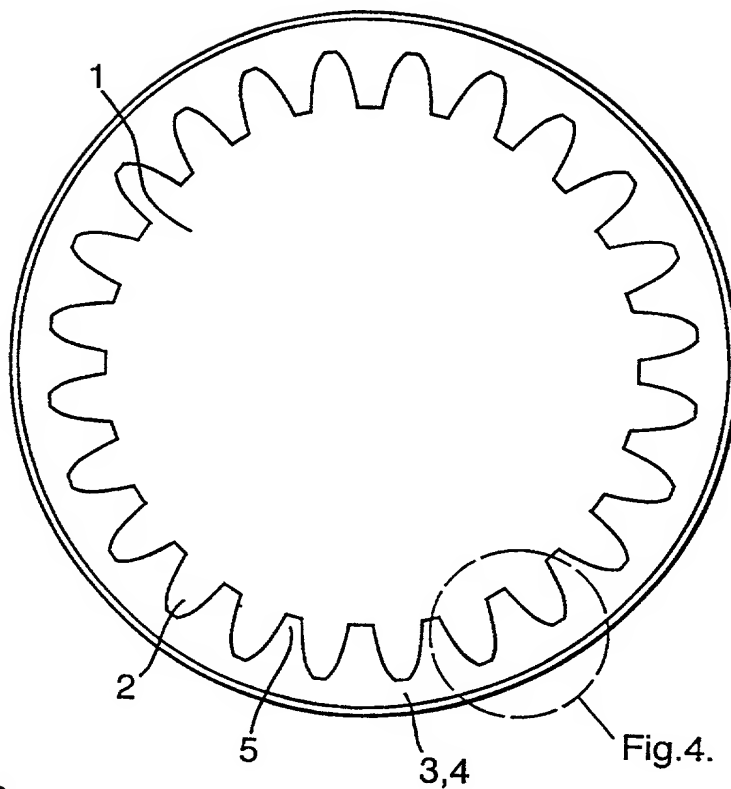


Fig.3.

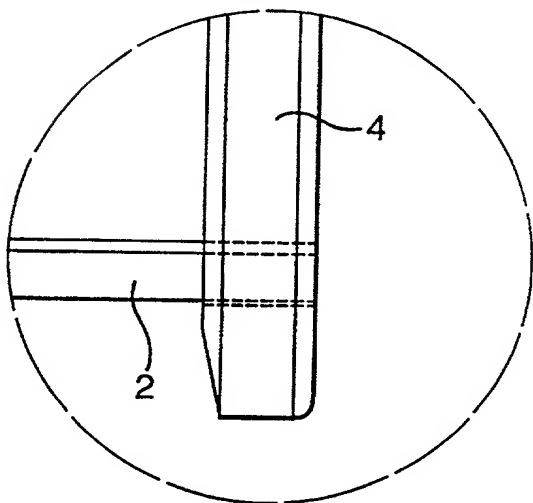
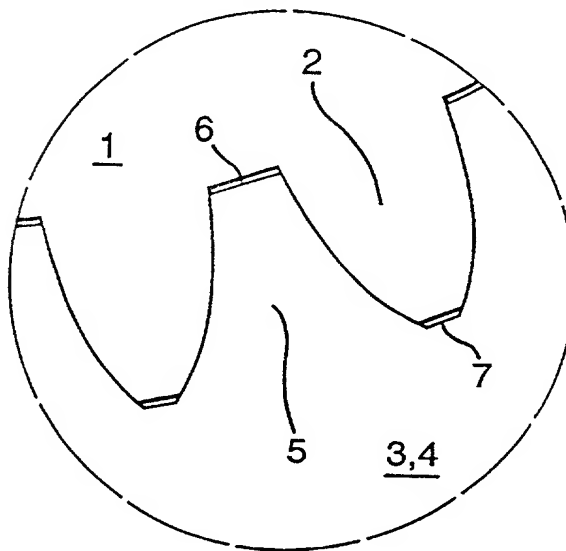


Fig.4.



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Fig.5.

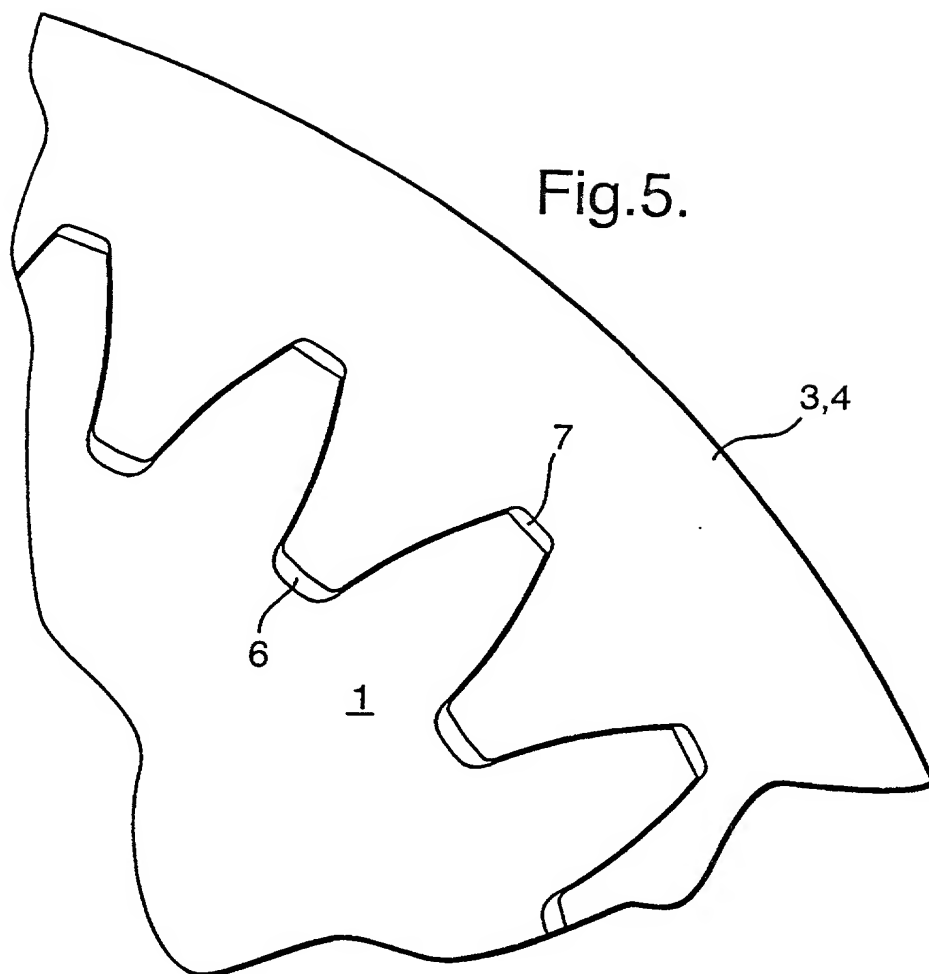
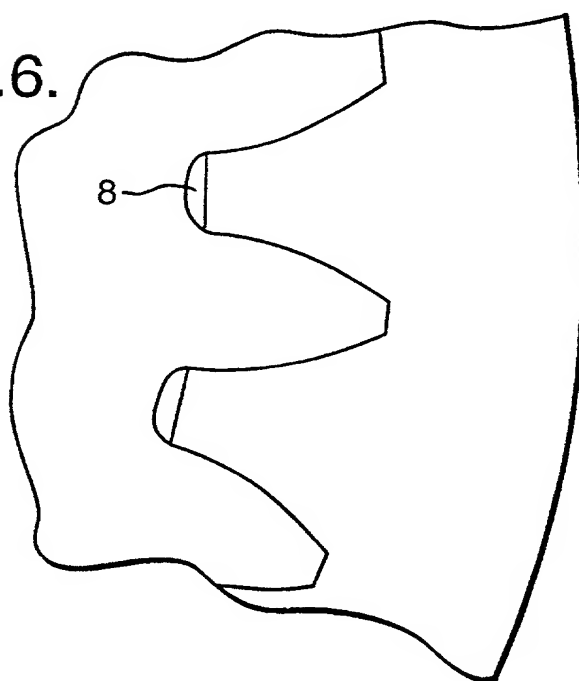


Fig.6.



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METHOD FOR STRENGTHENING A GEAR WHEEL; AND A GEAR WHEEL

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